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THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" If there is any delay, this Government is not responsible for it. We are reconstituting the existing old panchayats and after that, the formation of new panchayats will be taken up."

SRI V. K. RAMASAMI MUDALIAR :—" Inasmuch as the constitution of these new panchayats has to be postponed, will the Government consider the desirability of retrenching the staff as many Deputy Panchayat Officers and District Panchayat Officers have been recently appointed? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Only a few people were appointed to conduct the elections."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Has there not been State-wide opposition to the method of voting adopted in the recent Panchayat elections and what were the thoughts given to those representations? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" There are some representations that the system of secret ballot should be introduced. But I think the present system of open elections for Class II Panchayats is cheap."

SRI K. RAMIAH CHOUDARI :—" ఇప్పుడు జరిగేటటువంటి పంచాయతీ ఎలెక్షన్సులో, పై ఆఫీసర్లు చాలామంది తిరస్కరించారని వార్తలు వచ్చినవా? " దీన్ని గురించి ప్రభుత్వము ఏమిచర్య తీసుకొంటుంది? "

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" Sir, complaints have been received only in a few cases."

Report on the reorganization of the Secretariat.

* 119 Q.—

MR. SPEAKER :—" As the hon. Member, Sri V. Chidanandam is not in his seat. the question and answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI V. CHIDANANDAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to place on the table of the House a copy of the report of Sri Venkateswaran, I.C.S., Special Officer for Secretariat Reorganization and state the action taken on it by the Government?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" A departmental report of this kind is not to be placed on the table of the House. When action is taken, suitable publicity will be given to the reorganization ordered."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Provision of libraries in schools attached to slums.

5 Q.—SRI A. RATHINAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have provided libraries in the schools attached to slums as per the recommendations of the Harijan Welfare Committee, Madras; and